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**Re: OFFICIAL RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR §1.111**

The following is an OFFICIAL RESPONSE to an Office Action filed November 4, 2004, in the below-identified U.S. Patent Application.

Application No.	:	10/709,960	Confirmation No. <b>3959</b>
Applicant	:	Peter J. Schubert	
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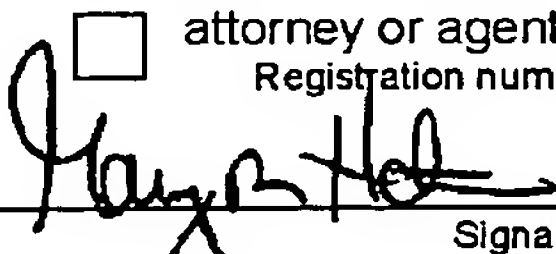
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Application Number <b>10/709,960</b>		Filed <b>06/09/2004</b>	
For <b>Apparatus and Method for Maneuvering Objects in Low/Zero Gravity Environments</b>			
Art Unit <b>3644</b>		Examiner <b>Galen L. Barefoot</b>	
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